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KENNETH WATSON TO STUDY CANCER  
UNDER \$74,000 GRANT FROM NIH

MISSOULA--

Dr. Kenneth F. Watson, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Montana in Missoula, has received a grant for \$74,299 from the National Institutes of Health for a study of cancer-causing agents.

The grant will be used to learn further characteristics of the biochemistry of viruses that are known to cause cancer in animals.

"In our study, we hope to make a progression from a chicken virus to a mammalian virus, and finally to a human virus," Watson said. "The type of viruses in question are RNA tumor viruses."

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The grant will run two years and will be renewed at that time for a third year.

Watson received a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, in 1964, and he was awarded a Ph.D. in biochemistry at Oregon State University, Corvallis, in 1969. He joined the UM faculty in July of 1973. Watson, who was a postdoctoral fellow from 1969-71 at the National Cancer Institute, Columbia University, New York City, was a fellow of the International Agency for Research on Cancer at the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Germany, from 1972-73.

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